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**HAPPY HOLIDAYS**

***The Chart*** **wishes everyone a nice holiday season. We'll see you again January 21, 2005**

# Donation makes student's vacation

## Donor pays for international trip home

**By David Haut**
Managing Editor

Christmas is a time of family and fellowship, fun and parties. Not for international students, though.

Many cannot afford a trip home for the holidays.

Yermek Zhakipzhanov, freshman graphic design major, came to Missouri Southern last May. Eight months later he still hasn't seen his family, and he wasn't planning to.

"I was preparing myself, like, 'OK I'm not going to see my parents for four more months," Zhakipzhanov said.

A native of Kazakhstan, Zhakipzhanov doesn't get to travel home often, especially during the high-priced holiday season.

But, something happened Zhakipzhanov didn't expect.

It started with E-mail.

Trish Udell, adjunct professor of international studies, received an anonymous donation specifically earmarked for one international student to go home for the holidays.

"I thought it was special that someone in the community would be that generous," she said.

"International students could feel lonely over the holidays, so she wanted to help them."

She immediately sent an e-mail to all international students requesting that all interested apply.

Zhakipzhanov responded within 10 minutes, saying it "would be a dream come true."

"Everything happened in one week," he said.

On Dec. 3, Zhakipzhanov received a call saying he was selected to receive the money. Zhakipzhanov said he had some doubts about finding a decently priced ticket on such short notice but he immediately began to search for one.

"Every hour the price was rising," he said.

"We had just a couple of days to buy a ticket. To go home is very expensive."

Zhakipzhanov's search turned up several tickets, the cheapest being around $1,400. Then, Zhakipzhanov found a travel agent ad in a Russian-American magazine.

The ad was the break he needed.

Through it, Zhakipzhanov found an affordable ticket home.

By Dec. 8, Zhakipzhanov had his ticket.

"I didn't expect Americans cared about international students," he said. "It really surprised me."

Overall, $750 was donated by an anonymous female for Zhakipzhanov's trip home. He will still have some out-of-pocket expense, but Zhakipzhanov

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Adam Fast/The Chart

**An anonymous donor is making it easier for Yermek Zhakiphanov to go home.**

## *A GINGER LOOK*

Adam Fast/The Chart

**Mr. Marion Sloan, professor of physics, examines the gingerbread houses created by different student organizations for a house building contest sponsored by the Campus Activities Board. The Alumni Association won the contest, and Phi Eta Sigma won second place.**

# University Web site encounters criticism

**By Monique Jamerson**
Public Forum Editor

Students freely navigate through the halls of Missouri Southern but find it difficult to navigate through Southern's Web site.

Southern has been experiencing difficulty with its Web site due to the lack of designers.

Rod Surber, director of public information, said he knows there is a problem and he is in the process of having it fixed.

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**Missouri Southern's Web site has come under fire recently for complaints about its design, content and lack of consistency between pages.**

# Senate resolution funds Frisbee golf

**By Nate Billings**
Executive Editor

Due to a resolution passed by Student Senate, students will have something to throw around on campus.

The resolution passed during the Nov. 17 Senate meeting, provides $1,000 toward the creation of a disc-golf course on campus.

"It's kind of a growing trend," said Eric Norris, senator and student intramural sports director.

The course will cost approximately $2,500 when finished. The extra $1,500, which Senate will not fund, will be picked up by campus recreation.

Darren Fullerton, director of campus recreation, said the course will be built in the acre and a half behind the residence halls.

"The space is unusable for anything else," he said.

The course will provide nine "holes" for players to reach with a par of 35.

The idea has been in the works for about three years.

Norris said he researched the project and found a company out of Austin, TX to have the better quality product for the better price.

The company will provide the poles with nets which are used to catch the Frisbees.

Maintenance will provide the labor of putting in the

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# Governors lower tuition, admission standards

**By Nate Billings**
Executive Editor

Governors heard from University President Dr. Julio León and Dr. Chad Stebbins, director of the Institute of International Studies, about their trip to China.

The trip was in response to an invitation by the Bejing Broadcasting University.

León and Stebbins would like to build a relationship with the BBU after starting conversations with it a few years ago.

"Relationships take time," León said.

The BBU was celebrating their 50th year anniversary as well as the announcement of becoming a national university in China.

The Chinese government has selected several institutions around the country to be specialized institutions for national education.

This change would mean the name would become the Communications University of China.

The discussion brought up the new China semester in fall of 2007.

"There is no doubt in my mind that China is the country of the 21st century," León said.

Stebbins and León said they would be looking into making Missouri Southern the China expert of Missouri.

"This ought to be the place in Missouri where people can go to learn about China," León said.

Dr. Brad Kleindl, dean of the school of business, discussed the University's relationship with the British Virgin Islands and the school in Tortola.

He updated the Governors with the progress of the degrees Southern offers through its cooperation with Tortola.

He said the tuition rates for the classes and the degrees themselves are competitive with the rates and degrees of other universities competing for classes at the Tortola University.

Dr. Richard McCallum, vice president of academic affairs, also updated the Board on the graduate degrees with Northwest Missouri State University and Southwest Missouri State University.

SMSU approved the cooperation between the two institutions and during the meeting the Board approved the agreement.

This is the last step the Universities need to take before the agreement goes to the state level to be finally approved.

The largest portion of the evening's meeting was taken in considering three proposals León brought before the Board as part of the administration's recommendations to tuition and student acceptance.

"[We want to] improve access to a quality college education," León said.

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High: 55
Low: 27

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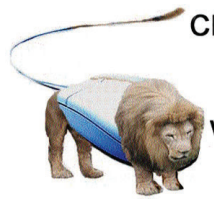

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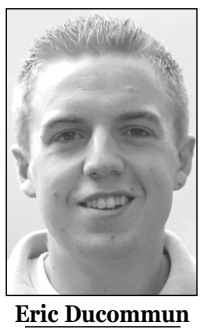
Question of the week:
Do you think Senate is doing a good job?

# Senate wraps fall semester

By Nate Billings
Executive Editor

Student Senate wrapped up its business year with its Dec. 1 meeting.

During the meeting, the three remaining seats were filled.



**Eric Ducommun**
Student Senate President

Freshman Austin Mayfield, sophomore Justin Cartwright and junior Jason Hare were present to fill the positions.

The meeting was the last business meeting of the semester.

Senators discussed several topics, but one topic created more conversation than others.

The Bulgarian Flag Committee, which was formed at the beginning of the semester, was concerned with having the Bulgarian, Chinese and Chilean flags stolen. The flags were in front of Webster Hall, but someone cut the cables holding the flags and stole them.

"In all likelihood, if they are caught, they will have to pay for them," said Eric Ducommun, Senate president.

Senators discussed paying for new flags, but chose to talk with Dr. Chad Stebbins, director of the Institute of International Studies.

Members of the Collegiate Music Educators National Conference group received $1,000 to go to Tan-Tar-A at the Lake of the Ozarks.

The CMENC will take 29 members to the conference. The conference will provide students with networking skills as well as help them in their music teaching techniques.

"It's not just spring break," said Jennica Sorensen, senior music major.

The Finance-Investment Club returned to Senate to receive $1,000 after it was denied funding earlier because of a lack of

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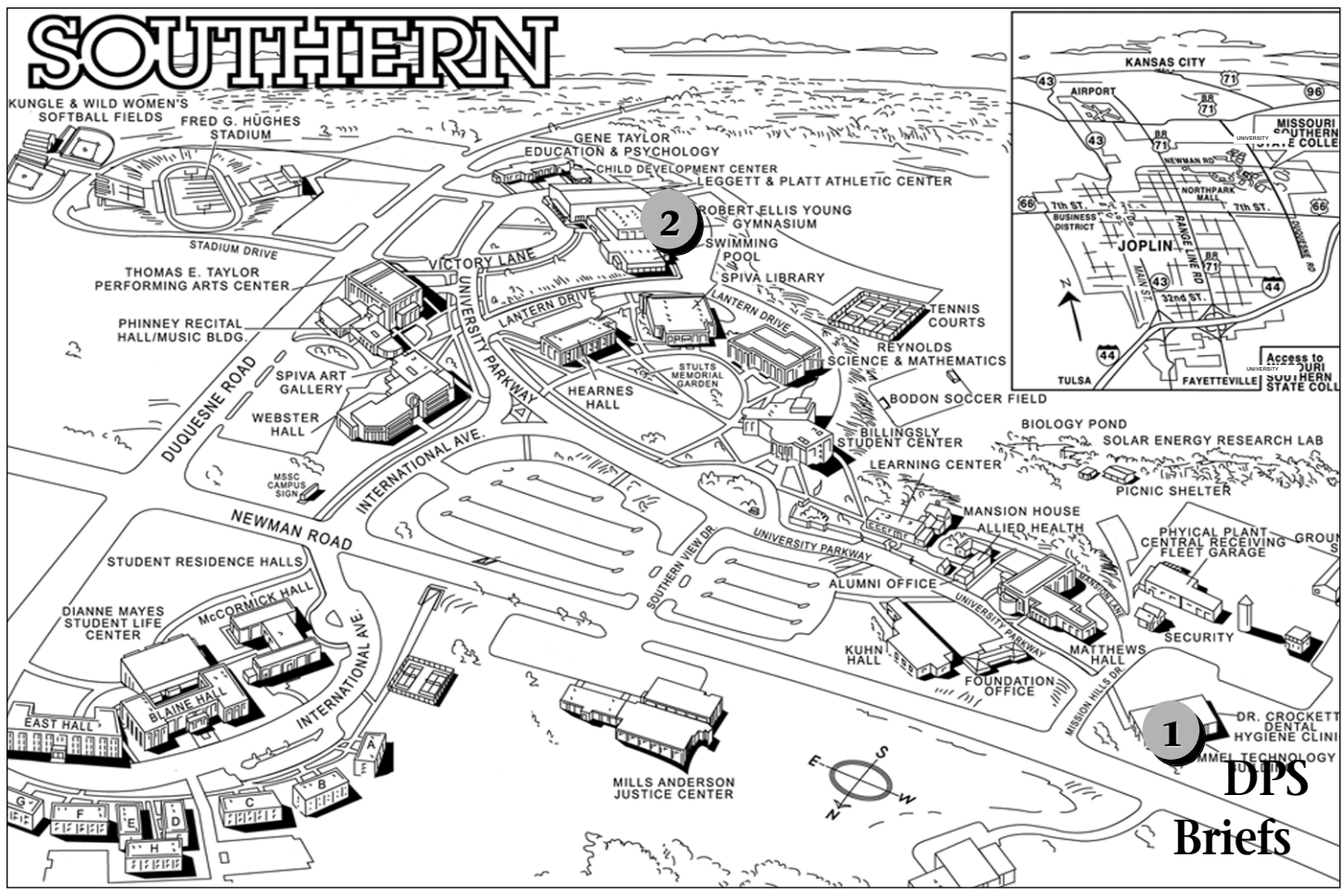


## DPS Briefs

# Broken lock lends way to stolen books

**1 Theft**
12/5/2004
8:25 a.m.

A student contacted the Department of Public Safety in regard to a theft.

The student said two books had been stolen from a locker in Ummel Hall. He said the locker had been moved and the lock broken.

The student had waited to contact the DPS because he thought the books would be found.

**2 Property Destruction**
12/6/2004
Noon

DPS was contacted in regard to damage to a vehicle.

The owner of the vehicle said the damage had occurred when the vehicle was parked in lot 11.

An officer looked at the damage and noted two scratches at the top of the vehicle.

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# Campus Calendar

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## PRSSA sponsors holiday ball to benefit breast cancer research

A holiday ball benefiting breast cancer research will be held at 7:30 p.m. Friday in the Billingsly Student Center.

Students, faculty and staff are invited.

The event is being presented by the Public Relations Student Society of America to promote membership and raise money for the Susan G. Koman Breast Cancer Research Foundation.

The Louisville Fire Brigade jazz band will perform live at the event. The ball is free, but donations will be accepted at the door.

For reservations, please contact Linda Perkins in the department of communications at 625-9580 by Dec. 6.

## Zimmer Radio Group broadcasts CMN fund-raiser live on Friday

The Children's Miracle Network and Zimmer Radio Group are presenting their second annual Miracles on 32nd Street Radiothon to benefit children in the Four States.

On Friday, the event will be in its third night live from Freeman Health System.

KSYN 92.5, Magic 93.9, Big Dog 97.9 and KIX 102.5 will carry the broadcasts.

The broadcasts will include features and stories about children and families who have benefited from the CMN.

Donations can be made by calling 624-3884 or toll-free at 800-624-3884 or by logging onto www.cmnmiracles.org.

Funds raised will go to help children with special needs such as cancer or birth defects.

For more information about the Children's Miracle Network in the Four States, please call 347-6639.

## International Club returns king with final's week movie night

The International Club is sponsoring a movie night Wednesday at 7p.m. in the Student Life Center TV room.

The movie showing will be *The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King*. The video will be the extended version.

## SPEAK promotes organization through documentary war film

The Student Peace Education Action and Knowledge (S.P.E.A.K.) will be hosting a documentary film *Breaking the Silence: Truth and Lies in the War on Terror* 7 p.m. Thursday in Cornell Auditorium.

The film is from journalist John Pilger. In it, Pilger searches for the realities behind the invasions of Iraq and Afghanistan through interviews with officials in the Bush administration.

## Rep. Marilyn Ruestman slated as speaker at commencement

At 10 a.m. Dec. 18, in the Leggett & Platt Athletic Center, Missouri Southern will celebrate its December commencement.

All faculty and staff planning to attend should report to Young Gymnasium by 9:30 a.m. and be ready to process by 9:45 a.m.

Rep. Marilyn Ruestman will be the speaker during the commencement.

There will be a reception immediately following the commencement.

## Webster Hall to house upcoming faculty conference in January

A spring faculty conference will be held at 8:30 a.m. Jan. 7 in Webster Hall auditorium.

Agendas will be sent to home addresses.

## Premier Baseball World Series comes to Joplin-area stadiums

The Joplin Sports Authority and Premier Baseball Association has announced Joplin will host the Premier Baseball World Series.

The series will be from July 27-31 at Joe Becker Stadium, Joplin High School and Crowder College.

Premier Baseball features athletes from nationally-known high schools. Each team has players who have participated in the USA Baseball Tournament of Stars.

The series will have a 16-team field with each 15-20 players on each team. With four four-team pools, the series will have a 55-game schedule.

Participating teams include the Texas Heat, Kyle Chapman, Columbia Angels, Austin Slam, Wings, San Antonio South Texas Sliders, Dallas Mustangs, Arlington A's, Burkburnett Black Sox, Kansas City Sluggers, Indiana Bulls, Midwest Prospects and Midwest Nationals.

## Model United Nation delegates win award in Chicago meeting

The Model United Nations Club attended the American Model United Nations conference Nov. 20-23. The club represented Mexico. The club received an Outstanding Delegation Award for its representation of Mexico in the General Assembly third Committee, where the delegates were juniors Caleb Gallemore and Jeff Erman.

During the conference, the club members worked with delegations from 125 other institutions.

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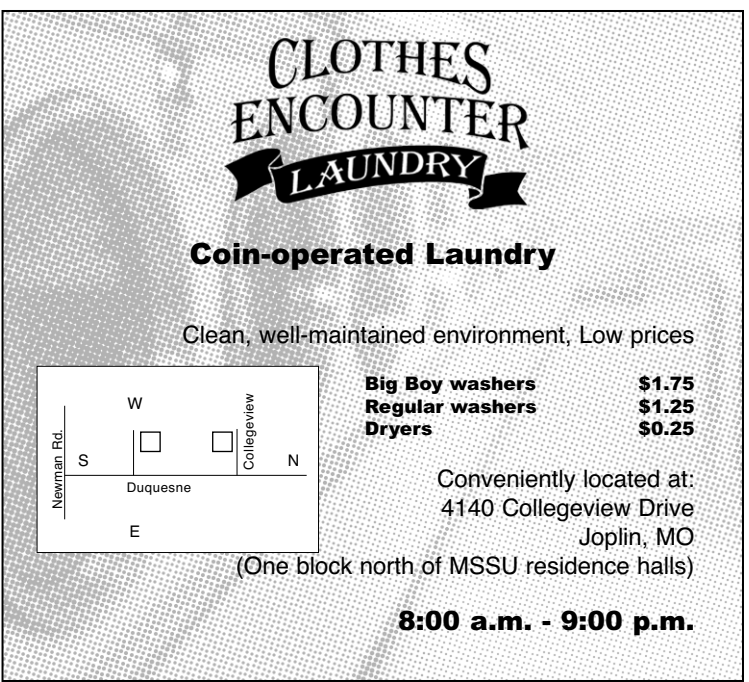


# Students end semester with wrapping party

By T. J. Gerlach
Editor-in-Chief

Students "wrapped up" the fall 2004 semester with help from the Campus Activities Board Dec. 7.

CAB held a "wrap-up" party in the Student Life Center. The party allowed students to bring in the Christmas presents they had already purchased and wrap the presents themselves or have someone help wrap them.

"We thought it would be fun for people to have a break and wrap presents before finals," said Carla Fairbanks, resident director of McCormick Hall.

Fairbanks said she thought the event was a fun thing for CAB to do. She said concentrating on making presents look nice can be a good stress reliever from finals.

"We never do anything Christmassy," she said.

Fairbanks said she thought the event would be a good way to get students into the Christmas spirit.

"I thought the party went pretty good," said Julie Blackford, director of student activities.

Both Fairbanks and Blackford agreed they would like to see CAB hold the event in the future.

Fairbanks also said she was shocked with the turnout. The party began around 9 p.m., which coincided with the end of the Dec. 7 men's basketball game.

Blackford said about 75 attended.

"A lot of them that came out stayed for a long time," she said. "I think everyone appreciated it."

Blackford said the party had a laid-back atmosphere and everyone was being social. *National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation* and *Elf* were shown during the night. Also, CAB served cookies, hot chocolate and eggnog for the students who attended.

"It was a really cheap event for us," Blackford said.

Fairbanks said the wrap-up party cost CAB less than $200.

"It was a cheap event, and we figured it would get people involved," Fairbanks said.

Blackford said Fairbanks organized the entire event.

"Carla gets all the credit," Blackford said.

Blackford also said anyone who has presents they would like to have wrapped can bring them to the student activities office on the second floor of the Billingsly Student Center through finals week.

Andy Tevis/The Chart

**Jennica Sorensen, senior music major, wraps gifts for her family and friends during the Dec. 7 "wrap-up" party at the Student Life Center.**

# Student Life Center lands game systems

## Residents able to play PlayStation 2

By Noelle Ott
Staff Writer

Thumbs and fingers will now be getting more exercise thanks to Missouri Southern's faculty and staff.

Recently, the Student Life Center was hooked up with new PlayStation 2's and television sets to accompany them.

In total, there are four televisions and three PlayStations.

The idea to get the residents the PlayStation 2's sprang to life last year when the Resident Hall Association held a PlayStation tournament for the on-campus residents.

"We were kind of like, '…maybe this is something we ought to look into,'" said Deb Gipson, director of housing.

Adam Griffin, resident director of East Hall, brought the idea of getting the game systems to Gipson, and she allowed him to run with it.

That summer talks arose about what type of game module to buy. The discussion ranged from getting an X-Box to a Nintendo 64.

After the resident directors surveyed the students, the decision was made to go ahead with the PlayStation 2s. The only problem was the question of how they would keep them locked down.

The conclusion was then reached to call upon the physical plant to see what it would be able to come up with to solve this dilemma.

The physical plant concluded that it would build their own casing for the game systems and the televisions, and then order unit locks for them.

"A lot of what we were able to do is a direct result of the physical plant staff," Gipson said.

However, before the systems were even put out for students' use, one of the PlayStations was stolen from the storeroom.

"It's a little frightening and a little frustrating," Gipson said.

But now students are able to play as much as they would like. Since some games are also provided, students don't have to worry about buying their own.

Some of the games that have been provided are "NCAA Football," "Pac-Man World" and "007 Night Fire."

"Not a lot of students can buy them [the game systems]," said Brett Beard, freshman, undecided major. "It gives them something else to do besides pool or ping-pong."

To be able to play the games, students must submit their student i.d. and list what time they will start to play. They would then be handed one controller and one game.

Each controller is marked so students cannot trade theirs out with those belonging to the Student Life Center.

Students are also welcome to bring their own games, but the games cannot contain inappropriate material.

"[Bringing in the PlayStations] has been one of the best things we've done in forever," said Gipson.

"We have had so much usage on this thing that I can't believe it."

Although there are no current plans to have a tournament , Gipson said that there will probably be one next spring.

Adam Fast/The Chart

**Area residents and members of campus organization B-GLAAD gathered outside Webb City High School Nov. 29 to protest the anti-gay message brought by Westboro Baptist Church of Topeka members under the direction of the Rev. Fred Phelps.**

# Southern club members join gay rally

By James Marcum
Staff Writer

On Nov. 29, a handful of people gathered outside Webb City High School to protest Brad Matthewson, a 16-year-old student recently banned from the school by school administration for wearing gay pride T-shirts.

The protesters are members of a Topeka church, Westboro Baptist Church, led by pastor Fred Phelps.

Phelps and his followers have held an estimated 20,000 plus similar protests throughout the nation.

The protesters wave signs displaying messages of hate such as "God hates fags," "AIDS cures fags," "thank God for AIDS" and "fags burn in hell."

These protesters were soon outnumbered by a group of about 50 counter-protesters including five members of B-GLAAD, a Southern group that supports freedom of choice for sexual orientation, students from Webb City and Joplin High Schools and members of the United Family Fellowship Church of Christ.

This group joined together in support of Matthewson, who recently filed suit against Webb City High School, and in protest against the WBC and its message.

"There was a lot of chanting of, 'Hey-hey ho-ho homophobia has to go' and 'Go home to Topeka." said Jason Hare, junior Spanish major and B-GLAAD president.

Hare came to Southern after being expelled from Ozark Christian College for being gay.

Hare started B-GLAAD in 2001 and, after a small dwindling, reinstated its existence in 2003.

The group provides support for student with alternate lifestyles and seeks to give students an avenue for discussion of relevant topics pertaining to homosexuals in our culture.

"I feel that it is important that people not feel alone; that is what we try to provide through our organization," Hare said.

"Our protest was, of course, in support of Brad; to let him know that there are people here that are in support of what he is doing. On a wider scale we were protesting against Phelps.

We cannot let our community think that we allow that kind of hatred here."

There has been some controversy over the fact the group from WBC had a six-year-old girl in their midst holding a "God hates fags" sign.

# Vocalist shares life experiences, faith through new album

Special to The Chart

**Senior Carrina Lickteig recorded her debut album, The One Beside You, in 2003.**

By Hallie Hocker
Staff Writer

While some aspiring artists take their chances on "American Idol," others find recording opportunities elsewhere.

Carrina Lickteig, senior music and general business major, recently released the contemporary album *The One Beside You.*

Three weeks after Lickteig took a demo tape to Russell Simms of Simms Records, Simms called her back and offered her a recording deal.

After taking up Simms offer, she recorded the summer of 2003 at Hilltop Studios near Nashville, where Alan Jackson and Dolly Parton have also recorded.

"It's one of the oldest and best recording studios as far as quality is concerned," Lickteig said.

She said recording in the studio was a great experience in itself.

Since she was in a sound isolation booth, she kept in sync with the band via a "huge" pair of headphones which feeds the music from the musicians.

She laughed when she recalled some of the funny sounds she overheard on the headphones. One time, during a break, she heard one of the musicians eating a bag of potato chips coming over her headphones.

While her album has mostly contemporary and pop music on it, there is one southern gospel and one contemporary gospel song.

Lickteig said she co-wrote the songs on her album, and the title track, "The One Beside You", is one that she relates to well.

It's about a little girl in a hospital bed. It's her own testimony of when she was sick and how the Lord healed her.

"I felt that an angel was with me during that time," she said. "The doctors thought I was going to die, but they figured out what was wrong."

Lickteig has been singing for more than 12 years, but only seriously for the last three years. She loved her first voice lesson when she was ten, and she said she really feels like singing is her purpose from the Lord.

"God can use everyone in different ways," she said. "Find what you're good at and pursue that. Some people are teachers, some doctors, it's finding your niche is what you're good at."

She's had several people at her performances tell her they appreciate what she does and she should continue singing.

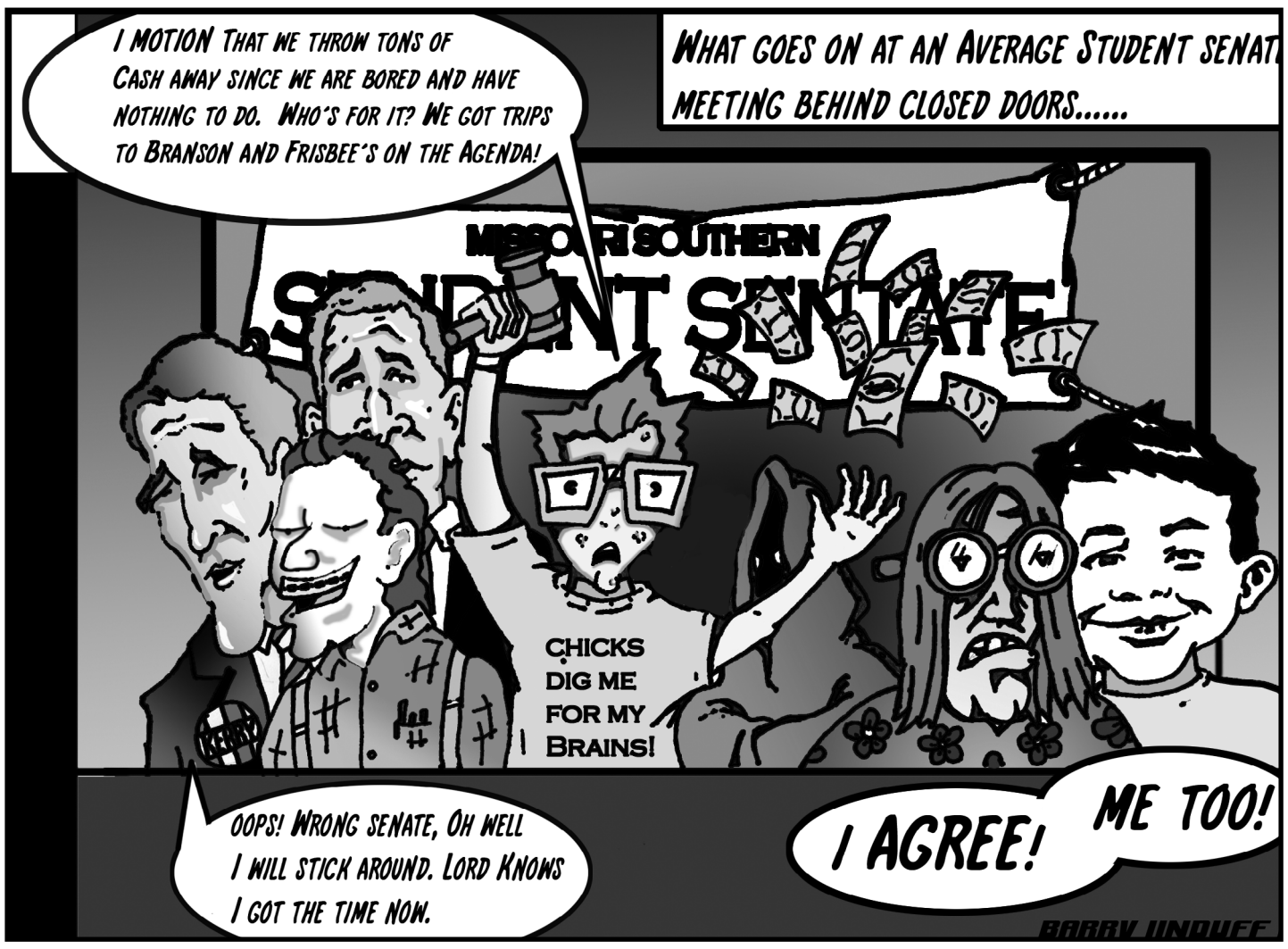
"I get a real high from doing it [singing] and blessing people," she said. "Every day I wake up and think, 'What can I do for others?' I want to spend my life singing and blessing people."

She sang in the Gospel Music City Showcase in Pigeon Forge, Tenn. The event was aired on television. She has also performed at the Special Olympics at Memorial Hall in Joplin and at churches and community events.

She has worked with Dan Anderson and City of Refuge Ministries. She sings at malls, mini-revivals and New Beginnings Fellowship where Anderson pastors.

"She is very easy to work with," Anderson said. "She has such a sweet spirit and a beautiful voice. She is very beneficial to the ministry and work we do."

Lickteig said her CDs are available for $10 in Joplin at Hastings and Great Expectations. If people want to preview the CD, there's a demo at For-All-Bible.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WHAT GOES ON AT AN AVERAGE STUDENT SENAT MEETING BEHIND CLOSED DOORS.....
MISSOURI SOUTHERN
CHICKS DIG ME FOR MY BRAINS!
OOPS! WRONG SENATE, OH WELL I WILL STICK AROUND. LORD KNOWS I GOT THE TIME NOW.
I AGREE!
ME TOO!
BARRY LINDUFF

# Funds should be re-allocated

## Chart Opinion

Student Senate wants to spend $1,000 to help fund a disc golf course behind the residence halls. Who will use a course all the way over there?

With our campus consisting primarily of commuter students, would they really use it?

Sure, students in the residence halls might, but that's only a fourth of our students.

Another question: when would this facility be used? Half of our school year has cold or rainy weather. Out-of-state students wouldn't get to use the course much, locals will during our warmer months.

The $1,000 for this project could be put to a better use, such as the "lack of funds" in the Student Senate, or the out-of-date computer equipment around campus, or they could give the money to one of our may student organizations who have a budget less that $100.

If the Student Senate would save money, they would be able to fund larger recreational projects. They could put the money and time toward what students want and need.

Thirty minutes each week isn't enough time to discuss student needs.

Perhaps the money could go toward the proposed recreation center, which could be used by students much more than a disc golf course.

A rec center could also offer students jobs and activities that could take place after it gets dark.

Week after week, students and faculty complain about the lack of funds at Southern. Here is money that could go toward something more useful than a disc golf course.

## Campus Voice

By Randall Georges

# What do you think about Student Senate?

"I haven't really seen much information about it, though I do receive e-mails from time to time."

**Valorie Petersen**
Senior
Spanish
Major

"Student Senate should be more representative of the students. Many times members of Senate are also members of student organizations. This hinders them from producing a fair vote."

**Jane Roark**
Senior
Sociology
Major

"I think that the Student Senate is not very well publicized."

**Tony Otero**
Freshman
Graphic Design
Major

"I think that Missouri Southern students should pay more attention to the election of senate members because they play an important role in the funding of student clubs."

**Stephanie Bergen**
Sophomore
English
Major

"Student Senate needs to get their name out more. People know that they exist, but they don't know what they do."

**Austin Woodard**
Senior
General Studies
Major

## Editor's Column

# University faces many problems in attracting new students

**T.J. Gerlach**
Editor-in-Chief

Even though I have enjoyed the two-and-a-half years I have spent at Missouri Southern, I have noticed some major problems with this place.

The Board of Governors and the administration set a goal of having 10,000 students enrolled here. That is a wonderful goal, however, if it is to be made a reality, a few things must happen.

First, having the "lowest tuition in the state" has been a selling point for too long, and it has become overused. Prospective students look for colleges that have the facilities and extracurricular activities in which they are interested. The "low-cost" point is pushed at the start of selling prospective students, instead of as the final closing point. It has been Southern's crutch for attracting students, and the crutch is developing cracks.

Why? The campus has been falling behind other colleges in the area. Our facilities are getting older with few facelifts; many of the computer labs have comparatively ancient computers; the residence halls get older with few improvements. East Hall is nice; however its capacity is limited making attracting potential residential students more difficult.

As Southern continues to lag behind other institutions, that low price does not hold as much clout.

Furthering the recreation center project quickly would be a major step for the University in attracting new students. The Board should be applauded for continuing this project, but the primary argument against the project, having students pay for it through fees but not wanting to raise fees, frankly, does not hold water. Students will pay the fees — especially when they go to something so beneficial.

There need to be real reasons for students to choose Southern, not just selling points to hopefully attract them.

And just last week, the Governors lowered tuition and admissions requirements. Lowering tuition was a bad idea; it should have just been frozen for the next year. Now, whenever it is increased it, will need to be a larger increase than if the Board kept the cost the same next year. And lowering admissions standards? I realize this will help bring in those 5,000 or so additional students needed to reach the goal, but does Southern really want to be seen as the discount center for colleges?

Another problem in attracting some high school juniors and seniors is they may feel repelled by seeing that about one in every five or six students is non-traditional. Though non-traditional students should be acknowledged for continuing or completing their educations, it is not an attractive feature to those touring campus. The University should not stop accepting so many non-traditionals, but it should focus more attention on filling that 10,000 goal with a larger percentage of traditional-aged students.

The administration and Board of Governors are not the only groups to take the blame on not bringing students in; most of the student body unfortunately does not make Southern a welcoming place to enroll.

The Campus Activities Board and other groups plan so many activities, and it is unfortunate to see many of those attending these events are members of the community instead of students and their friends. Home games are also largely attended by more community members than students.

All these events build traditions, and traditions are part of every college. Unfortunately, these traditions are lacking at Southern, and it is reflected throughout campus in many ways.

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## In Perspective

# Semester in France proves to be rewarding, educational experience

**Jessica MacIntosh**
Foreign Correspondent

It has most definitely been the best semester in France — better than a Krispy Kreme donut.

Despite the traveling problems in London and the occasional "I don't understand what you are saying," I have had some great experiences.

At the University d'Orléans, students have come from every corner of the world just to learn French. I have made so many new friends from not only the United States but from Romania, Australia, Spain and Russia.

We learn from each other, whether it is learning new words in French or learning about their customs and their ways. Although we have had some language barriers at the beginning of the semester, we have all become friends now. That is something I am going to miss.

If there is something more than making new friends, it's the traveling. I have been to Paris five times during the course of the semester and have loved every minute of it. Just this past weekend I spent my last day in Paris. The Christmas spirit was in the air as I watched the lights turn on on the Champs-Elysées and the Eiffel Tower sparkle and shimmer.

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> *Foreign Correspondent*

Closer to home in Orléans, the Christmas market surrounding the famous statue of Joan of Arc is popular. One can buy different foods and crafts unique to the region. Since I am spending my holiday time in France, I can't wait to see what Christmas day is going to be like.

A few weeks ago, I had my first experience at a French movie theater. Called *Les Indestructibles* (*The Incredibles* in the states) here, I found it somewhat hard to understand it without the English subtitles. Luckily, the movie is all visual. But, when the parents in the movie theater started laughing about a particular line, I did not. I could not laugh at the adult humor because I could not comprehend it.

It will be weird returning to the states and seeing everyone again. Culture shock time. I realized I am going to either have to relearn some things like the American computer keyboard and speaking English. Since I have been here so long, my English is messed up. When I speak, the word comes out in French.

Because I have been to two different countries, too, I am getting my currencies mixed up.

The other day I called the euro a pound and the dollar a euro. I wish everyone would just go to the same currency then we would not have this problem.

When I return, I will come back not only understanding French better but also more confident in myself. I look forward to coming back for the spring semester.

This is Jessica MacIntosh signing off from Orléans, France. *Au revoir.*

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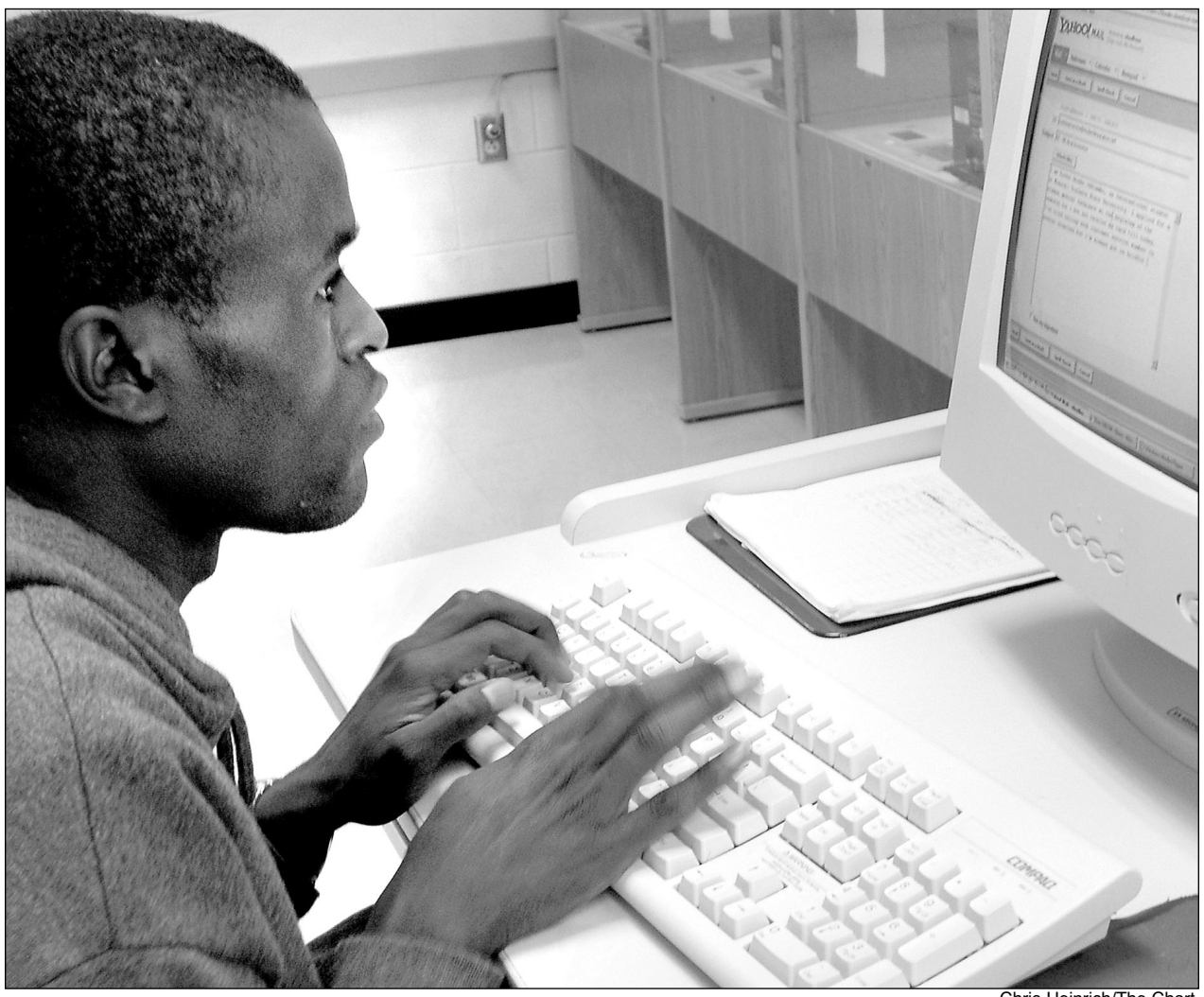

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**Steven Odhiambo from Nairobi, Kenya, sophomore computer aided drafting and design major, sits in the language lab working on the computer. He also works part time at the Southern bookstore .**

# Kenyan discusses life back at home

## Student enjoys Joplin but misses African ways

**By Chris Heinrich**

International Editor

From the heart of Western Kenya, Steven Odhiambo came to study computer aided drafting and design at Missouri Southern.

For the past year and a half, Odhiambo has been able to take in all that U.S. culture and lifestyle has to offer.

Comparing Americans to Kenyans, he said teenagers dress the same, Kenyan adults are more conservative, but there are the traditional people in Kenya.

"It's so different," he said, "We have different cultures. The lifestyle is different. [Joplin is] a small town comparative to where I'm from."

Odhiambo said his hometown of Nairobi has a slightly different consumer market.

Instead of one Wal-Mart store, there are several supermarkets, the "middle-man" shops, then smaller stores where you can purchase things on the smaller scale, called kiosks. The Kenyan market is based on the local consumer.He has traveled to England and Australia to visit friends and relatives and to South Africa to study.

He said it's easier to study in the United States because it's more affordable as well as flexible. Here, students are allowed to expand their course schedule as to how they want unlike in Kenya where things are heavily restricted to the area of study.

He has several friends and relatives living in the United States who came here to study. So far, they have settled in Springfield, Minnesota, Kansas and Ohio.

"The life here is more laid back, you know? I'm from a big place where there is lots of things to do and so much going on at the moment," he said. "Population is way up there, but here it's like population is just average. Not much crime around. People are sociable and all that."

Under Odhiambo's accent, he said he has not really faced any language barrier issues. Since Kenya was colonized by the British, citizens speak with a British accent. English is taught throughout grade school along with Swahili and a mother tongue, or native language.

"Our accent and American accent are a little different," Odhiambo said. "Ordering on

TURN TO **KENYAN,** PAGE 9

# Udell to teach ESL in China

## Southern hopes students will study at University

**By Chris Heinrich**

International Editor

Adjunct professor of international studies, Trish Udell will be going to China to teach English as a second language this January.

**Trish Udell**
Adjunct professor of international studies

At Yinghao College near Guangzhou Udell will be teaching 9 to 16-year-olds. For the first week of her stay, Udell will be working with other instructors in preparation for the winter camp. During the remaining week and a half, she will be working with about 100 students in practical uses of the English language as well as traveling around the area.

"Learning English is very important there," she said. "They have their traditional way of teaching English. I want to come in with a different approach."

Her objective is to teach the students beyond average means. She will have students pretend to book airline tickets to America, tour cities and meet famous people in the United States as well as write in a daily travel journal.

"It's a good way of connecting with the students," she said.

The school's goal is to have students score high SAT scores, and Missouri Southern hopes students will attend college here.

Yinghao is a private, boarding school, which houses more than 2,200 students grades K-12.

Udell will be bringing her 10-year-old daughter, Lydia as well.

"She'll be mingling with peers," she said. "They will have somebody their age to talk to in English."

Southern is also interested in Yinghao sending students to Missouri for a seven week SAT preparation summer program.

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**Dr. J.R. Moorman, communication department head, stands with University President Julio León and Vivian León with Yinghao College representatives in front of the campus.**


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# Diversions

# New band director jazzes up orchestra

By Melissa Dunson
Diversions Editor

Open seats were few and far between.

A sea of listeners was treated to "A Musical Buffet" during this semester's Missouri Southern jazz orchestra concert Nov. 30.

The concert was the first for new director Dr. Jeremy Kushner, assistant professor of music.

"It was an exciting experience," Kushner said. "Any time you do something new, you don't know what's going to happen."

Dr. Jeffrey Macomber, assistant professor of music, played trombone during the concert and said he felt comfortable with Kushner as a colleague and as a director.

"He's naturally a low-key fellow. He's a very patient fellow," Macomber said.

He said what he appreciates most about Kushner as a director is the fact that he encourages the students to take responsibility to do their best.

"There's always a period of adjustment," Macomber said, "But he comes through with flying colors."

This year's concert consisted of eight arrangements covering a mix of Latin, swing, ballad, traditional jazz and contemporary funk.

"I think it was a diverse kind of programming," Macomber said. "It was an eclectic program with a repertoire of a lot of divergent styles."

Kushner picked the pieces from his personal musical experience and musical catalog.

After he picked 20 possible songs, the band reduced the number to the eight that would provide the most diversity in sound.

"We wanted to give the audience something to think about," Kushner said.

The band performed *Poinciana* as arranged by Macomber. Arranging pieces is a hobby of Macomber's that provides its own rewards.

"It's a gratifying experience," Macomber said. "It's nice to work on it in a rehearsal from a more objective standpoint. You forget the fact that it's your own arrangement."

During the Latin song *Ran Kan Kan*, a tribute to famous percussionist Tito Puente, Kushner joined the band to play the timbales, a pair of stand-up drums.

"I thought I'd take a shot at it," Kushner said. "I don't know how impressive it was."

While this semester's pieces were from a variety of composers, Kushner is considering using the theme of one composer or subject for the next concert.

"I just want to keep the program as diverse as possible," Kushner said.

The professors said the semester jazz concert serves as a final exam for the jazz band practicum and is also helpful to the musicians by providing an audience.

"I like to have students perform as often as humanly possible," Kushner said. "The more you do it, the more confident you get."

Overall, the concert is the opportunity for music students to share their passion for jazz with other people.

"It's an opportunity to show you can step it up, take it to the next level and really make it sparkle," Macomber said.

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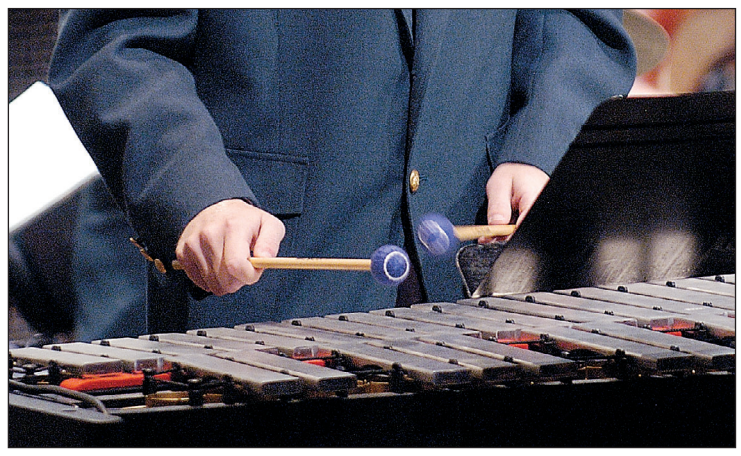
**Above, Dr. Charles Thelen, professor of music, plays a saxophone solo during the jazz concert Nov. 30. Left, Britney Parker, senior secondary education major, and Sean Wilson, senior elementary education major, performed during the concert consisting of an eclectic mix of pieces including traditional, swing, funk and Latin.**



**Above, Josh Zimmer, junior music major, Far left, Robert Terry, senior music major, and Left, Erika DeMoss, senior secondary education major, played eight arrangements to a packed house during the semester jazz orchestra concert.**

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# Group wraps up semester with wrapping party, 75 people in attendance

By David Haut
Managing Editor

Following an eventful semester, the Campus Activities Board held its final meeting of the semester, over lunch.

A steady stream of CAB members came and went through the student activities office on Dec. 8 for their end of the semester party.

Members of the board brought different foods, snacks and desserts to reward themselves for the work they did this semester.

Julie Blackford, director of student activities, said she was pleased with the semester's events and the work members of CAB put into it.

Blackford said she was especially pleased with the turnout for their wrap party Dec. 7.

"About 75 people showed up to wrap presents," Blackford said.

More people came to the event to watch one of the two films, which were *National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation* or *Elf*.

CAB sponsored a ginger bread house making competition this week. Blackford sent an E-mail to clubs across campus looking for interest. The E-mail generated about 15 responses. Overall, there were 11 entries.

Final entries were on display in the Lion's Den throughout the week. The student alumni association took first prize, with Phi Eta Sigma taking second. The chemistry club won third.

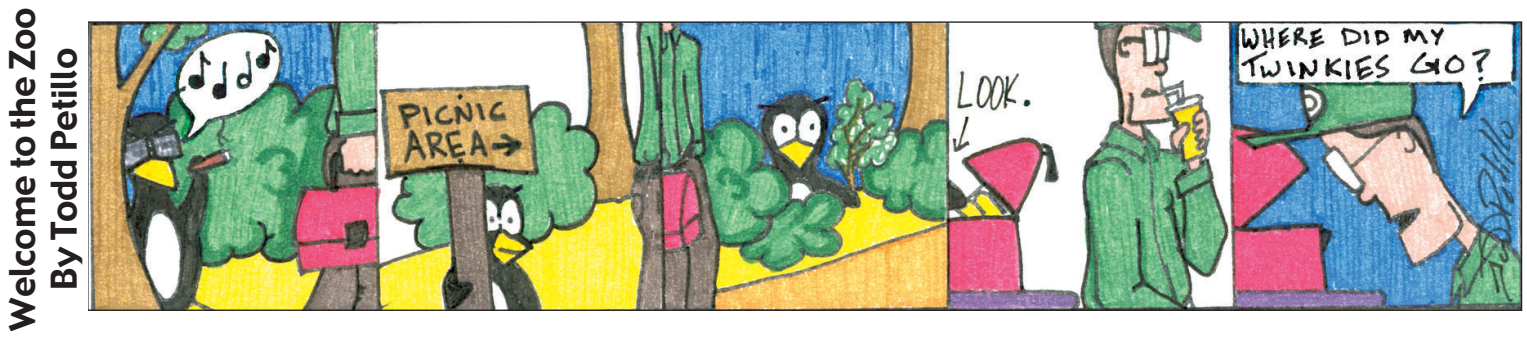
Blackford said she hopes the wrap party and the ginger bread house competition will become a tradition at Southern.

CAB
Campus Activities Board

Zimmer Radio Group and CAB paid out $800 on Nov. 19 to Sara Armstrong, junior radiology major, as part of the Lion Pride Payout. As of, Dec. 8, the Lion Pride payout is up to $700.

The payout will continue through the semester break at all home basketball games.

CAB will reconvene next semester. All students with ideas or interest in CAB are invited to attend next semester's meetings. Their first meeting will be at 2 p.m. on Jan. 12 in the student activities office on the second floor of the Billingsly Student Center.






# Funny Thing About Life...

**David Haut**

*Managing Editor*

Well, you've almost done it. The semester is over and all you have left are those lousy finals. For some of you, that means an end to all of your excessive studying. For the rest of you, you're wondering what illness to fake this year.

While I and many others have heard about and understood the correlation between studying and good grades, you have no doubt have been busy doing other holiday things like drinking eggnog or perhaps praying for a blizzard.

So, as your loyal newspaper columnist, I've put together a small finals survival guide to aid you in your pursuit for mediocrity.

(This column is in no way a substitute for actual studying. However, I fully support those of you who, in your free time, are praying for a blizzard.)

**Long paper**: At one time or another, we're going to face a long paper in our college career. We usually see those students in the library on the last day of the semester printing out a 300-page paper on conservation. The fact is most college students don't like long papers because, well, they're long. So, here are a few ways that I can think of that help you beef up a paper.

For example, the word "that." I'll show you.

Bob said *that that* much wood was enough to make a house as big as *that* one. *That's* the wood *that* they used to build *that* arc. *That's* crazy.

(You can also use the word "that" to beef up newspaper humor columns.)

True or False: Back in grade school, true or false questions were made to help our deductive reasoning. True or false: The cow goes moo.

Now that we're older, our teachers and professors want to make it as hard as possible for us to discern true from false.

**True or false**: The *bos Taurus* or bovine, emits a grunting noise in the form of a sigh, often indicating to others animals of its species it is happy, sad, hungry, wet, tired or pregnant.

It's a 50-50 chance *that* you're right, here. This one or *that* one. *That's* up to you.

**Multiple Choice**: Again, when we were younger, these questions were easy.

Apples come from: a) a tree b) a bee c) banana d) Mrs. Smith

Now, they're much harder.

Apples come from: a) *magnus holmus* b) *playmus catalus* c) *pyrus malus* d) *electrus mosius*.

Yeah, you should really study. *That* would be your best bet.

**Essay**: Students usually hate essay questions. This is because there are no odds *that* can help them. My advice is to use as many big words as you can.

For example: What are the major components of communism in the retail industry.

The retail industry is a plethora of subordinate consumer hierarchy relative to the bourgeoisie anti-disestablishmentarianism movement in the '50s.

*That's* awesome.

So remember all of *that*, and study all *that* you can.

Did you get *that*?

*David Haut, Managing Editor, writes a weekly humor column for* The Chart. *His opinions are his own and don't necessarily reflect those of* The Chart *staff.*

Bill Shepherd/The Chart

***Handel's Messiah* will be performed by a 200-member choir consisting of locals and a 45-piece orchestra. The event is scheduled for Tuesday and is expected to bring a crowd of 1,000 people.**

# *Messiah* brings Hallelujah Chorus to local singers, students, faculty

**By James Marcum**

Staff Writer

At 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Missouri Southern will once again present *Handel's Messiah* as a free gift to the community.

This will mark the eleventh Southern presentation of the *Messiah*. Bud Clark, director of choral studies, will be in charge of the production.

Clark has been on staff at Southern for 16 years, and in addition to directing he also instructs students studying to be vocal instructors.

"*Messiah* is Southern's Christmas gift to the community; people look forward to it every year," Clark said.

The production includes a 200-member choir, a 45-piece orchestra and usually brings a crowd with as many as 1,000 people.

Southern's concert chorale makes up about 70 of the choir members, which means that over half of the members are from the surrounding community. The orchestra includes some Southern students as well as musicians from the Joplin and Springfield areas.

*Messiah* requires four lead vocalists who, in the early years of presentation, were members of the community chosen by audition. In recent years, however, the University has brought in professionals from all over the nation to perform as soloists.

"All the professionals that we hire in are always impressed with the level of excellence that they see in the Southern *Messiah*," Clark said. "The music in *Messiah* is not easy music. I'm real proud of our community people and students. They do a real outstanding job. Handel was big into opera. This is the closest thing to opera that you will see from him, only minus the costumes."

In recent years, the production of *Messiah* was put on hold after Southern went through some budget cuts. After a private donor offered to subsidize the cost of the production, it was brought back. However, this will be the last year that this donor will be able to help, which means that Southern must look for alternative funding.

Bill Shepherd/The Chart

**The bass section of the *Handel's Messiah* chorus practices for the annual performance on Tuesday.**

Most of the students that perform in *Messiah* have performed in earlier years. Josh Sharp, junior physical education major, is performing in this year's *Messiah*. This will mark his third year.

"Its nice. You get the community together to sing for their friends and family. Also, you're singing about the Lord, which is what the Christmas season is all about," Sharp said.

Julie Foster, senior music major, was a soloist in the very first *Messiah*. She will be performing in the choir this year.

"I love it *Messiah* because it's a powerful piece of work," Foster said. "There is no other Christmas piece that has stood the test of time. The history behind it is really neat too. What better gift to give the community than music?"

# *Pinocchio* production captures child audience

**By Melissa Dunson**

Diversions Editor

Wooden boys, lies and a giant whale wowed almost 6,000 children and adults during eight performances.

Missouri Southern's latest production, *Pinocchio, the Puppet* was performed before the general public Dec. 4-5 at Taylor Performing Arts Center. Prior to the public performances, the cast performed for busloads of area school children. The play was adapted from the original short story by Duane Hunt, professor emeritus.

"I read several scripts and I just didn't like them," Hunt said.

Hunt originally adapted the story when teaching at Southern in 1994, to direct it that same year. He wanted to tell a story that more closely resembled the original. When adapting the story, Hunt included five morals Pinocchio had to learn before he could become a real boy including learning to tell the truth, learning right from wrong and how to tell good people from bad people.

"He couldn't become a real human being until he learned how to be a good person," Hunt said. "I think that's kind of how it is in real life."

Dr. Lyndall Burrow, assistant technical director, said the sets based on the original story proved to be a problem for the theatre department's limited budget, but by making each set work twice as hard, the results were creative.

"We tried to simplify," Burrow said. "We had seven different locations. We had a huge whale, 40 feet long by 16 feet high with bubbles everywhere."

> *"The wiggleworm busts out if you lose their attention."*
>
> **Dr. Lyndall Burrow**
> *Assistant Technical Director*

Burrow said he thinks the cast, composed largely of freshmen who had no experience with children's theater, did an impressive job, especially considering the busy schedule of performances.

"It demands a lot of energy," Burrow said. "After you perform for 800 kids, you're dead and then have to turn around in an hour and a half and perform again. But every time we got a little bit tighter."

The energy paid off for the cast with an attentive audience which Burrow said made a difference in the children that came.

"It kept their attention," Burrow said. "The wiggleworm busts out if you lose their attention. They were still, so it means they were either, A, falling asleep, or B, paying attention. I choose to think they were paying attention."

Adam Fast/The Chart

**The latest theatre production, *Pinocchio, the Puppet*, was performed to 5,600 people during eight shows.**

# Area Events

## Ocean's Twelve

**10** *Ocean's Twelve* opens at the Northstar 14 Theaters.

PR and All That Jazz **FREE** Holiday Ball @ 7:30 p.m. @ 3rd Floor BSC.

Grocery Bingo @ 11 a.m.-1 p.m. @ The Lion's Den.

Green and Gold Day @ The Bookstore.

Last day of senior art exhibits @ Spiva Art Gallery.

Kendrick Place Christmas Dinner @ 6-10 p.m. @ Precious Moments.

*The Christmas House* play @ 7:30 p.m. @ Stained Glass Theatre West.

**11** Glory Days "Live Music Cafe" @ 8 p.m @ Glory Days Music.

Indagrass concert @ 9 p.m. @ The Green Room.

Brutally Frank concert @ 8 p.m. @ The Jackpot in Lawrence, Kan.

The Plowboyz concert @ 9:30 p.m. @ Cotton and Irenes.

**12** *Three Murders and It's Only Monday* play auditions @ 7 p.m. @ Joplin Little Theatre.

**13** Movie Night @ 7:30 p.m. @ Dioko Coffee Co.

Karaoke @ 7-11 p.m. @ J-Town.

**14** CAB meeting @ 2 p.m. @ 2nd floor BSC.

Karaoke @ 7-11 p.m. @ J-Town Billiards.

Open mic night @ 8-11 p.m. @ Dioko Coffee Co.

*Handel's Messiah* concert @ 7:30 p.m. @ Taylor Performing Arts Center.

**15** Campus Crusade for Christ @ 7:30 p.m. @ the Student Life Center.

TNT @ 7 p.m @ The Baptist Student Union.

**16** Jazz concert @ 7 p.m. @ Dioko Coffee Co.

MSSU Choral Society concert @ 7:30 p.m. @ Phinney Hall.

Jerry Garcia Art Tour @ 5:30-7:30 p.m. @ Gallery 107 in Sand Springs, Okla.

*Breaking the Silence: Truth and Lies in the War on Terror* film @ 7 p.m. @ Cornell Auditorium.

**17** Brutally Frank concert @ 10 p.m. @ The Green Room.

Woodshed concert @ 7:30 p.m. @ The Emporium in Carthage.

**18** Live comedy show @ 7 p.m. @ The Kitchen Pass.

Brutally Frank concert @ 2-10 p.m. @ VFW in Lebanon, Mo.

**19** MSSU Choral Society concert @ 3 p.m. @ First Community Church.

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poles and concrete.

Students will not have to pay to use the course.

"I feel this is a campus improvement," Norris said. "It's a good use of a $1,000 (by Senate) for something that will be there a long time."

Norris said the course will be used for intramural sports and if any group or club wishes, it may use the course as well.

The course will be open every day.

"If you can see, you can play," Norris said.

Fullerton said the course should be completed by the beginning of the spring semester if the weather permits.

Norris and Fullerton said the Campus Activities Board will not be asked for money unless it is necessary. They did say, though, they may ask the CAB to provide Frisbees.

"We really don't want to go out and beg money from different entities," Fullerton said.

Other plans have been made for the residence hall side of campus.

The sand volleyball courts will be taken out and turned parallel to where they sit now, allowing for the addition of another court. The tennis courts on that side of campus will also be resurfaced and later, taken up to make room for basketball courts.

The new renovations will be for the whole university to use.

"It's not just for the residence halls," Fullerton said.

Several students said they were interested in the disc-golf project though they had not heard about it before.

"It sounds cool," said Emily Cabrera, sophomore education major. "I would be interested in it. Living on campus, the students don't have anything to do."

Cabrera said though she does not live on campus, she believes it will help all students.

Tenisha Hawkins, sophomore psychology major, agrees.

"It'll probably bring people to campus," she said. "It's something recreational on campus. I think it's pretty nice."

Hawkins said she would also like to see other recreations come to campus such as music nights or dance-offs.

She said the price of the course did not seem expensive, but she would not want the expense to be put on the students' tuition.

Bryce Blackford, sophomore graphic arts major, said he had not seen anyone play disc-golf and did not know if students would play.

"If it is utilized, I think that's (the price) is pretty inexpensive," he said. "I think it'll bring in a few students, but not many."

If the course is not completed by the beginning of the semester, it should be done within the first few months of the semester.

"We're trying to better serve the students," Fullerton said. "Your life outside the classroom is just as important as your life inside."

## WEB SITE:

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"I realize there are a number of problems, but when there is a low administrative cost and you don't have staff members to design, what are you left to do," Surber said.

One student said the Web site does not represent the University, nor does it follow modern design.

"The Web site is suppose to be the window of the University," said Alex Vasilev, sophomore CIS major. "At this point, I feel that the Web site dissuades people from coming to Missouri Southern."

Vasilev said he feels the Web site should display a number of features that are related to the school, such as students' life on campus or maybe a building that represents the school and it should be compatible with other browsers other than Internet Explorer.

"In my opinion the Web site is not unique," he said. "You don't have the same feel when you navigate from page to page."

Surber said public information is doing the best it can with the resources it is has been given.

"We have hired an outside programmer to figure out the problem," Surber said.

He said several pages have been redesigned to help the appearance of the Web site.

"One may say something is beautiful and the other may not have the same opinion, so in essence, beauty is in the eye of the beholder," Surber said.

Surber said students are not the only ones frustrated; he is too.

Rumors of the Web site being hired out were not true.

"We have not hired the site out, again, we have out sourced the site; I would never be in favor of that," Surber said.

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> *Sophomore CIS major*

"We are looking into purchasing a content management system so we can manage the site better, but that has not been approved yet."

Vasilev said at the Nov. 17 Student Senate meeting he asked if any steps were being taken to improve the Web site and University President Julio León said the administration will look into it.

Vasilev said the Web site lacks unity and accessibility.

"Changing the name from a 'College' to 'University' does not mean that we are if we don't look like one," he said.

Vasilev said the page containing the residence hall information is excellent but one really has to search that page if one wants to contact them.

"I am somewhat a web designer myself, and when I seen the Web site, I notice the flaws," he said.

Surber said the goal is to move forward and fix the problems with the Web site.

"There will be an adjustment for everyone when it comes to navigation, design and menus," Suber said.

He said administration and public information recognize the importance of the Web site and its growth.

"I know that the Web site has become extremely important, and I am welcome to the comments and suggestions of students," Surber said. "Please make sure they are gentle and kind."

## BOARD:

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The first proposal involved tuition. León said the tuition freeze from last year was a beginning to having the University put back on an affordable road.

The proposal to the Board was to cut tuition by two dollars per credit hour.

The next proposal was to freeze the cost of room and board at the same price level it is now.

León also proposed a new scholarship for A-plus accredited schools.

The scholarship would provide approximately 100 qualifying students graduating from those schools to receive $1,000 on a first-come-first-serve basis.

The name of the scholarship would be the A-plus Leadership Scholarship.

Another proposal set before the Board in response to increasing the student population involved the application standards.

The proposal was to simplify the requirements on the application process.

Students will not have to use the qualifying index anymore.

The qualifications for acceptance are now an ACT composite score of 21 or higher or are in the top-half of one's graduating class or a cumulative grade point average of 2.25 or higher.

Board members discussed the proposals and whether the quality of the student body would go down or not.

Student Senate president Eric Ducommun asked León if the standards would include or exclude more students.

León said the proposals would make acceptance available to more students and the quality of the education the students receive would not go down.

"I do not want the education I received to be diluted," Governor David Ensley said.

The Board agreed the current index was confusing and unanimously passed every proposal.

Board president Dwight Douglas asked the Governors to look over the building and improvement plans for the next meeting.

Douglas also noted recent Board trips to recreation facilities around the area and said the trips were helpful in understanding the need for a recreation center on campus and possible building ideas.

Dr. Terri Agee, vice-president of business affairs, brought up the Stadium Strategic Planning Committee, a group of community members and others interested in the progress of Hughes Stadium.

She also announced the renovation of the lounge on the second floor of the Billingsly Student Center.

"We're excited about this because the students have expressed the need to have a meeting place," she said.

The renovations will include new carpet and new furniture in the University colors.

The meeting ended without the Governors going into executive session.

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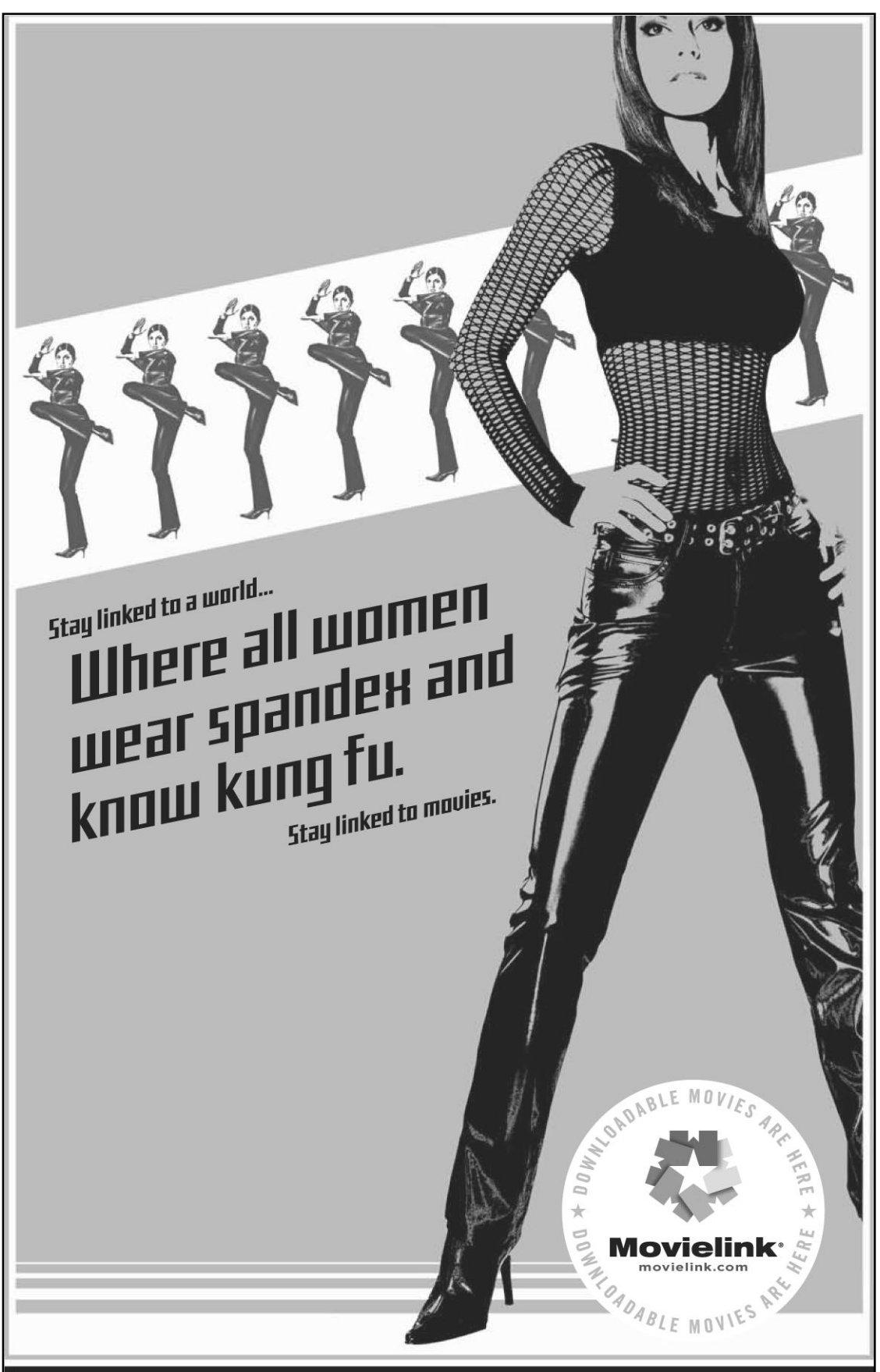
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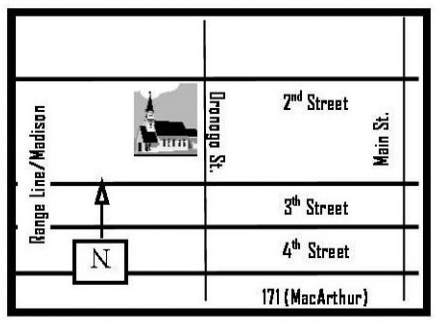


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# Paper use wasteful

## Spiva sees excess in student printing

By Kathleen Cunningham
Staff Writer

Students in the Spiva Library complain use of the printing paper is being used excessively.

Wendy McGrane, library director, said, the policy for the computers in the library is the same policy for any other computer on campus.

"The library used to charge for printing but not anymore," McGrane said. "This changed when the campus policy changed."

McGrane said if students would realize they are the ones paying for the printing then they would print more conservatively.

She said this could possibly save students money in the long run.

**Ways to prevent excessive paper use:**
- Click print icon once
- Only print necessary pages.

"If students were to run a print preview it will allow them to see exactly the number of pages being printed," McGrane said.

She said students printing multi-page documents may only need a few pages from the document and clicking print preview prevent an unwanted document from being printed.

"I like that it's available but I think people of use a lot of paper," said Brandy Anderson, sophomore secondary education major. "Ultimately, different fees are paying for the overuse of paper."

# HOME:

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said there was no way he could make the trip without the donation.

Zhakipzhanov will leave from Kansas City on Dec. 17 and return home on Jan. 20, giving him a month to be with his family and friends.

His instructors are giving him a break for missing his first week of class.

Although the source was anonymous, Zhakipzhanov is writing a personal thank-you to the donor expressing his thanks for their generosity.

"God Bless this person," he said. "We really have to meet, someday."

# SENATE:

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information in the request.

The allocation raised questions about the budget and why both clubs received $1,000 each during the meeting.

"Each club has been voted on by Senate," said Kelli Friga, Senate treasurer.

Friga said every club that received funding by the Senate had gone through the proper procedure and Senate had the final say in the allocations.

The final budget for the Senate's meeting was $4,872.

The Kinesiolgy Club also sent Senate a thank-you letter for the allocation it received.

Amber Hemphill, senate secretary, also told senators the bridges in front of Webster will be painted green to match Missouri Southern's colors.

For the last unofficial business meeting of the semester, senators went caroling at area nursing homes on Dec. 8.

Afterward, the senators went to Pizza By Stout to finish out the evening.

Senate will resume the first week of the spring semester.

# KENYAN:

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the phone can get tricky."

Kenya has more than 20 languages, depending on the part of the country.

Odhiambo speaks not only Swahili and English, but his Mother Tongue of Luo.

Food is a great passion of Odhiambo.

He and his roommate, also from Kenya, alternate cooking native meals for one another.

"(The food) is way much better than what you have here," he said.

"We don't eat fast food. We cook fresh food."

He and his roommate take international cuisine into account as well.

They go to restaurants in town that serve meals that aren't American.

He said they try a lot of different food that seems interesting.

He also notices a different social lifestyle living in the United States.

Back home, he and his friends would have cookouts and drink.

Here, however, he said there are many restrictions.

December's sunny weather allows for many celebrations to occur in Kenya.

"It's more fun hanging out back home than it is here," he said.

Still living in Kenya are his mother, father, brother and sister.

"They're still thinking about coming [to the United States]," he said.

"They might go somewhere else or England."

After studying at Southern, Odhiambo plans on traveling the world.

He wants to go to other countries and study culture and lifestyle.

"I'm open minded to what I want to do," he said.

"At the end of the day, I still want to go back home."


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# *Chart* welcomes new editors

From Staff Reports

Some editorial board changes will be coming to *The Chart* in the spring semester:

- Noelle Ott and Hallie Hocker will become sports editors.
- Randall Benson will become Online Editor.
- Jessica MacIntosh will return from a semester in France to take the associate editor position.
- Chris Heinrich will be leaving *The Chart* to return to his home in Las Vegas.
- Melissa Dunson is leaving *The Chart* but will take over for Kristen Smith as the editor for *Crossroads: The Magazine*.
- David Haut will remain Managing Editor but will also edit the Diversions page.
- T.J. Gerlach, Nate Billings, Adam Fast, Andy Tevis, Monique Jamerson will remain in their current positions.

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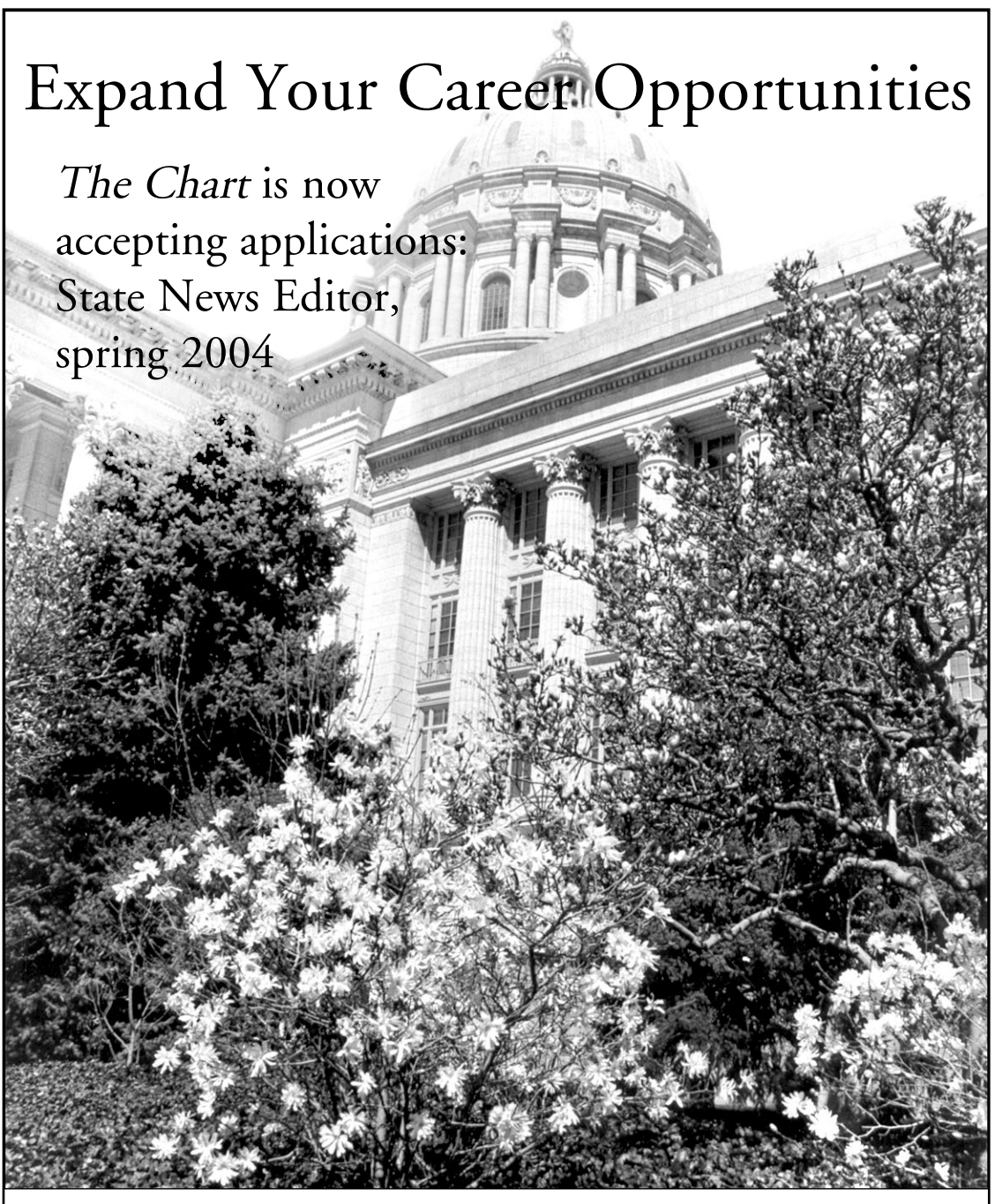

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# Fall Sports: In Review

## A look back at some of this semester's moments in Southern athletics

By T.J. Gerlach, Editor-in-Chief. All Photos are file photos.

Phot run: Sept. 24

**Above: Women's cross country was represented by junior Megan Russell, left, in the NCAA Division II national meet.**
**Left: The men's cross country team qualified for nationals at the South Central regional meet held at Southern Nov. 6.**

Run date: Nov. 12

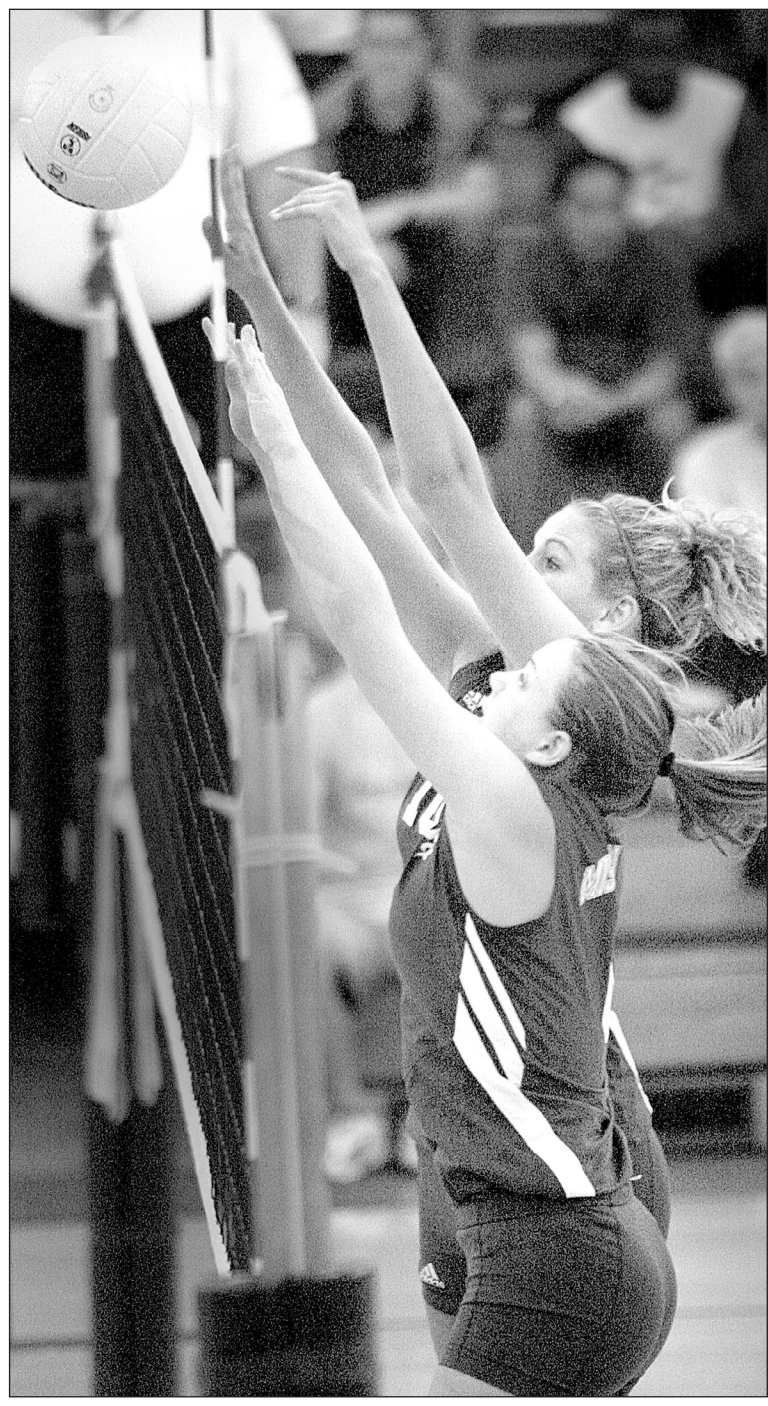

Photo run: Oct. 8

**The women's volleyball team finished its first season under new head coach Chris Willis. Willis led the team to 14-18 overall record.**

Photo run: Sept. 24

**The Lions' football team ending its streak of poor seasons with an overall record of 5-6 and 4-5 in the MIAA. Sophomore running back Wentric Williams led the team in rushing yards, earning a total of 1,071 yards over 214 carries. Williams scored 10 touchdowns for the Lions.**

Photo run:Oct. 8

**Above: The women's soccer team finished with a 10-8-2 record overall and 8-5-1 in the MIAA. Senior Sarah Sneed finished her career at Southern with three goals and two assists on the season.**

**Left: The men's soccer team finished with a disappointing record of 2-14-3 overall and 1-11-2 in the Southwest Soccer Conference. This was the men's first season in their new conference where they faced nationally-ranked opponents.**

Photo run: Oct. 1

**Right: Senior wide receiver DeMarcus Mathes caught 69 passes this fall earning 1,038 yards. He also scored four touchdowns in his final season with the Lions. Mathes will play in the What-a-burger Cactus Bowl, where the best of the NCAA Division II plays, on Dec. 7 in Kingsville, Texas.**

Photo run: Sept. 10

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**Katie Deen takes control of a loose ball during the game against Philander Smith College. The Ladies won the Dec. 4 home game 79-61.**

# Lady's ride six-game winning streak

**By T.J. Gerlach**
Editor-in-Chief

Shooting Stars fell in Leggett & Platt Athletics Center Dec. 8.

The Lions women's basketball team defeated the Stephens College Stars 73-42.

"I just saw solid performances out of individual players," said Maryann Mitts, head women's coach.

Katie Deen, senior guard, said she thought the team members played well together.

Vonny Wilson, senior forward, led the Lions in points with 18. Aubrie Hallman, senior guard, scored 15 points. Hallman also led the team in assists with six.

Dacie Reutlinger, junior forward/center, earned seven rebounds.

Reutlinger, Hallman and Deen all had three steals.

"We talk a lot about production," Mitts said. "When you're out on the court produce something."

Deen said the Lions started out well, but let down in between and finished strong.

"I thought all in all we played a pretty good game together," she said. "Everybody that came in contributed."

Mitts said the Lions played trying to hone some of their skills.

"I want us to look crisp," Mitts said.

The Lions had a 39.7 field goal percentage to the Stars' 32.7 percent.

She said she had to keep telling the women to keep a steady pace during the game, because they cannot play the same way against conference teams.

The Lions' record now stands at 6-1 overall. Their next challenge is against Newman University at 7 p.m. Saturday in Leggett & Platt Athletic Center.

Dec. 20 Panhandle State (Oklahoma) University comes to Missouri Southern to play the Lions.

They start their conference play against Truman State University Dec. 29 at home.

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**Aubrie Hallman, senior guard, sets up a play during the Dec. 4 game at Leggett & Platt Athletic Center.**

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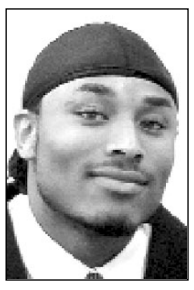
# Teammates share more than love for football

**By Noelle Ott**
Staff Writer

Two people would have to be close to each other to have the same hobbies, go to the same school and share the same DNA.

Known as the Proctor Twins, these two are most easily recognized when they are on the football field. Nic, senior general business major, competes as a cornerback, and Nate, senior economics-finance major, plays the position of a running back.



**Nic Procter**
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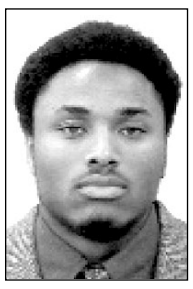

**Nate Procter**
Senior
Economics-Finance
Major

They have played football since eighth grade, only taking their junior year in high school off for a season.

They were attracted to Missouri Southern when they were both offered scholarships. Before coming to Southern, they attended Fort Worth Community College.

Nic and Nate have also lived together for most of their time in college.

"A familiar face helps out a whole lot, especially a brother," said Nic, "[With a twin,] you always got someone."

Although the twins share identical features, they have two different personalities.

"Nate is more dedicated," Nic said, "He's kind of sexy too."

Nate said Nic is the outgoing twin. However, Nate describes himself as the more "laid-back" counterpart.

"Nic's more competitive. So he'll figure out a way to beat you," Nate said, "He's a competitor."

The two could not believe how some twins are not close, such as some friends they know.

"The biggest disadvantage [to being a twin] is when he's not around," Nate said.

"It's almost like a depression," Nic said. "It sucks."

Both are passionate about football and having fans involved.

"As a football player, I think [the school spirit] was top-notch," Nic said.

> *"Nate is more dedicated. He's kind of sexy, too."*
>
> **Nic Procter**
> *Senior General Business Major*

"A lot of people came out and supported us."

The only complaint the two mentioned was when the fans' expression of their school spirit was limited.

"I want our fans to do whatever they can to help us, as long as it's legal," Nic said, "A big part of the home-field advantage is the fan. A lot of fans come out to support, but they can't."

After graduation, both plan to go back to their hometown, Olathe, Kan., and work at Budweiser so they might earn some money. Nic plans to one day come back to open a bar here in Joplin. They look forward to coming back and finding Southern as a "powerhouse in the MIAA."

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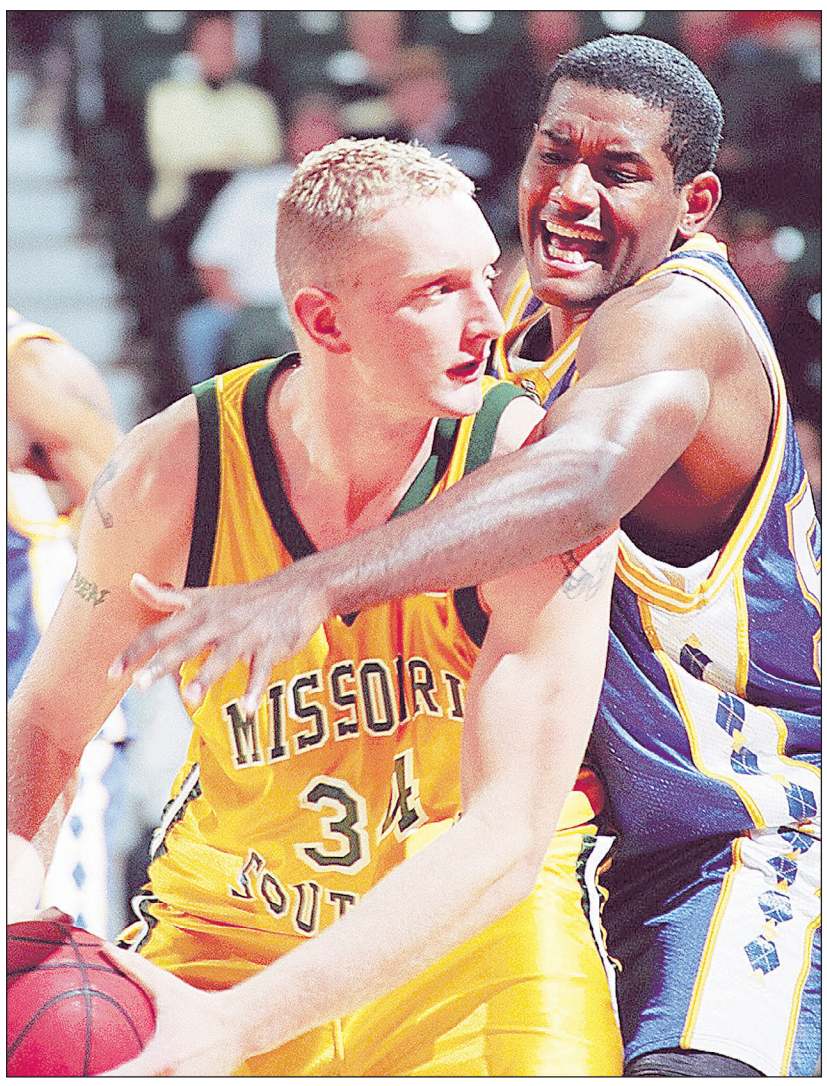
**Tyler Ryerson, freshman guard, passes down court to his teammate during a game against Northeastern Oklahoma State University. The Lions lost the Dec. 7 game 75-61.**




**Dan Jones pivots around his opponent during the Nov. 20 game against St. Mary's Univ. at Missouri Southern. STMU defeated the Lions 83-81.**

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# Team struggles

## Lions see room to improve before conference play starts

**By T.J. Gerlach**
Editor-in-Chief

Almost five minutes passed in the Dec. 7 game before Missouri Southern's Dan Jones, junior forward/center, scored the Lions' first basket.

Head men's basketball coach Robert Corn said he was disappointed in the men's 75-61 loss to Northeastern (Oklahoma) State University.

"We're very disappointed in the way we're playing right now," Corn said. "We're not playing with the effort and energy necessary."

He said this has been Southern's worst start in 16 years.

"We just haven't stepped up and met the challenge,"

The Lions' top scorer in the game was Quentin Edwards, junior guard, with 13 total points with two out of five three-pointers and three out of four free throws.

Orestus Cavness and Caleb Engelken, both senior forwards, had 10 points each.

"I was hopeful we'd come out and play with fire and energy," Corn said. "And we didn't do that."

The Redmen led the Lions 30-19 at halftime. In the second half, the Lions failed to score a basket for more than three minutes. Edwards scored on a layup, followed by another layup 12 seconds later by Hiram Ocasio, senior guard, after he stole the ball from an NSU player.

Ocasio led the Lions in both assists, with six, and steals, with four.

He said he thought the men shot poorly. The Lion's field goal percentage was 42.6 compared to NSU's 55.8 percent.

The Lions now stand at 2-5 overall. They next play at the Pittsburg State Classic Saturday against Drury University. Sunday, the men play the Oklahoma School of Arts & Sciences.

> *"We're not playing with the effort and energy necessary."*
>
> **Robert Corn**
> *Head men's basketball coach*

Dec. 19-20, the men head to the Hoop 'N' Surf Classic in Honolulu, Hawaii.

The Lions began conference play Dec. 29 against Truman State University at home in Leggett & Platt Athletic Center.

# Runners return from nationals with awards, mud on shoes

**By Hallie Hocker**
Staff Writer

Two Lions ran their way to All-American honors in cross country at the national meet in Evansville. The men's team also placed 22nd at the meet.

Paul Koehler, senior, came in 33rd in the 10K race with a time of 33:18. While, in the women's 6K race, Megan Russell, junior, came in 34th with a time of 23:04.6.

However, the athletes had to make their way up steep hills in the mud to gain these honors.

"In the lower parts, the mud was so thick that you would step in and have your ankle completely submerged in mud," Koehler said. "At any given time, you'd have a pound of mud on each foot."

The entire men's team qualified for nationals, which Koehler said was a feat other coaches in the conference didn't expect to happen.

"We worked hard to get there," said Tom Rutledge, head men's cross country coach. "But we did not have one of our better races. We'll fix that; we'll benefit in the future. Experience is always good."

Running in the mud with Koehler were senior Craig Rhoads, junior Lucas Plocher; sophomore Dustin Miller and freshmen Brandon Wheeler, Anthony Reed and Kyle Davis.

Before the race, Rutledge told the men's team to tape their shoes so they wouldn't lose them in the mud.

"You have to be mentally and physically strong to run in bad weather," Rutledge said. "It was one of the worst times I've seen in 30 years of coaching."

To counter the disadvantage of the messy course, both Rutledge and women's cross country coach Patty Vavra instructed the athletes to get in the front of the race as soon as they could to maintain good positions.

"You don't have to look back to know they [other runners] are coming," Koehler said. "I was disappointed last year at missing the All-American spot by six places."

He said he decided to work harder this time to get into better position.

"It all came down to being more aggressive," Koehler said.

The women ran on the same course after the men. Therefore, the course had already been treaded through.

Despite this, Vavra said Russell overtook four people in the last 600 meters of the race to gain 34th place. Russell, who was the only runner from the women's side to make the national meet, said the hardest part of the 6K was the second mile in the woods.

She said the hard part was encouraging herself because there were not many people by the woods to cheer the runners on.

Her brother, nieces and nephews surprised her by painting their faces green and gold to show their support.

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> **Paul Koehler**
> *Senior history major*

"Since my teammates weren't able to be there, it was nice for my family to be there," Russell said. "It was really nice because Indiana is only five hours away from home. Last year, my parents would've had to fly to the meet."

Russell also went to the national meet last year. Her 34th place finish was an improvement from her 83rd place finish last year.

"I was not as overwhelmed this year as last year because I knew what to expect," she said. "I had more experience and was a lot more confident."

She did miss having the rest of the team there, though.

"I really wish the team could've come," Russell said. "I knew I represented them as a whole and they were behind me. They were still with me in my heart."

Vavra said Russell had an excellent and steady season.

"I can't think of a better way to cap off her season as an athlete in cross country," she said. "It was extremely well-deserved."

In addition to being All-American, Russell also received all-conference and all-region honors earlier in the season.

Koehler won the MIAA individual race earlier in the season and also received all-MIAA and all-region honors.

"The overall season went really well," Koehler said. "The talent level, although young, is really impressive. It's one of the most talented teams Southern has ever had. The underclassmen will become more realizing of their talent because of their experience this year."